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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: Meghan Finn

APPLICATION NO: 10/516,633

FILED: JANUARY 19, 2005

FOR: THE USE OF SUBSTITUTED CYANOPYRROLIDINES AND
COMBINATION PREPARATIONS CONTAINING THEM FOR
TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA AND ASSOCIATED DISEASES

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

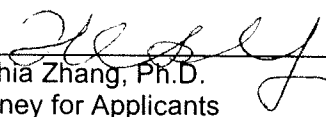
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 18, 2007, for which the time to respond is April 18, 2008 with a time extension of five months, applicants elect Group II drawn to claims 1, 5-26 for continued examination. As for election of a single compound species, applicants elect compound of formula IC, on which claims 1 and 5-26 read.

An extension of time for five months to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Applicants have addressed all of the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully request notice of allowance in its earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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